

Family Maltreatment Training

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Objectives

- Explore facts and myths
- Recognize reporting protocol
- Identify clinical indicators
- Identify prevention strategies
- Review the role of Family Advocacy

Authority-DoD Directives

- AFI 40-301 “All active duty members and DoD civilian employees must report all incidents of suspected family maltreatment to the Family Advocacy Officer.”
- This directive is covered under the UCMJ

Authority-State of Ohio

- Ohio Revised Code section 2151.031 requires immediate reporting of suspected child abuse or neglect
- Failure to do so is punishable with a misdemeanor charge

Who Are Mandated Reporters?

The list of mandated reporters include any person who works with or has access to adults or children on a regular basis. They are usually registered, licensed or certified to practice a profession.

- Social Workers
- Doctors
- Dentists
- Nurses
- Mental Health Professionals
- Teachers
- Law Enforcement
- Child Care workers
- Interns/Residents

Types & Forms of Abuse

- Child
- Spouse
- Elder
- Neglect
- Physical
- Sexual
- Emotional

Neglect

- A parent or caretaker's failure to give or provide food, clothing, medical/dental care, supervision, education, or good hygiene
- You may see children who have been left unattended
- Children with untreated illnesses
- Children who are dressed inappropriately for the weather
- Children who arrive early and stay late for functions
- Children who ask for food or additional attention

Physical Abuse

- Any non-accidental injury to a child by another person with the intention to harm the child
- You may see unexplained fractures, burns, cuts, bruises, bite marks, red mark, or welts

Sexual Abuse

- Any sexual act towards a child for the sexual gratification of a person who is in a position of power and control over the child
- You may see age inappropriate sexual behaviors, toileting problems, difficulty in walking, itching, stinging or bruising of the genitals

Emotional Abuse

- The verbal terrorization, constant criticism and failure to express love and nurturing
- The sever rejection, put downs, labeling, humiliation and acts intended to produce fear, guilt and shame

Substance Abuse

- The link between substance abuse has been strengthened over the years.
- Prenatal abuse of alcohol and use of other drugs has been identified as a major factor contributing to child abuse



Spouse Abuse



- Spouse abuse is a time bomb just waiting to explode

Some Acts of Violence

Pushing	Shoving
Kicking	Biting
Pulling Hair	Tying up and gagging
Beating with hand or weapon	Threats, Intimidation, and Coercion

The Facts About Power & Control

Use of coercion & threats	Use of intimidation
Use of economic abuse	Use of emotional abuse
Use of male or female privilege	Use of isolation
Use of children against the other parent	Blaming, denying, minimizing

Myths & Facts About Battering

- **Women are basically masochistic and enjoy being battered.**
- **Women usually stay because they are financially dependent, are emotionally dependent and are threatened by the consequences of leaving a battering situation.**
- **Abuse is a lower-class problem.**
- **Battering is a serious social problem among all classes, races, professions, and religious groups.**
- **Abuse is directly related to alcoholism - only drunk men batter.**
- **Drinking may be a factor, but it is not the cause of battering behavior. Only one third of batterers batter when drinking.**
- **“Uppity,” assertive women are beaten more often than submissive women.**
- **Some beat because the woman is assertive and others beat because the woman is passive. There seems to be a high incidence of battering in relationships in which sex roles are narrowly defined and the man insists on being completely in charge.**

Predictors of a Perpetrator

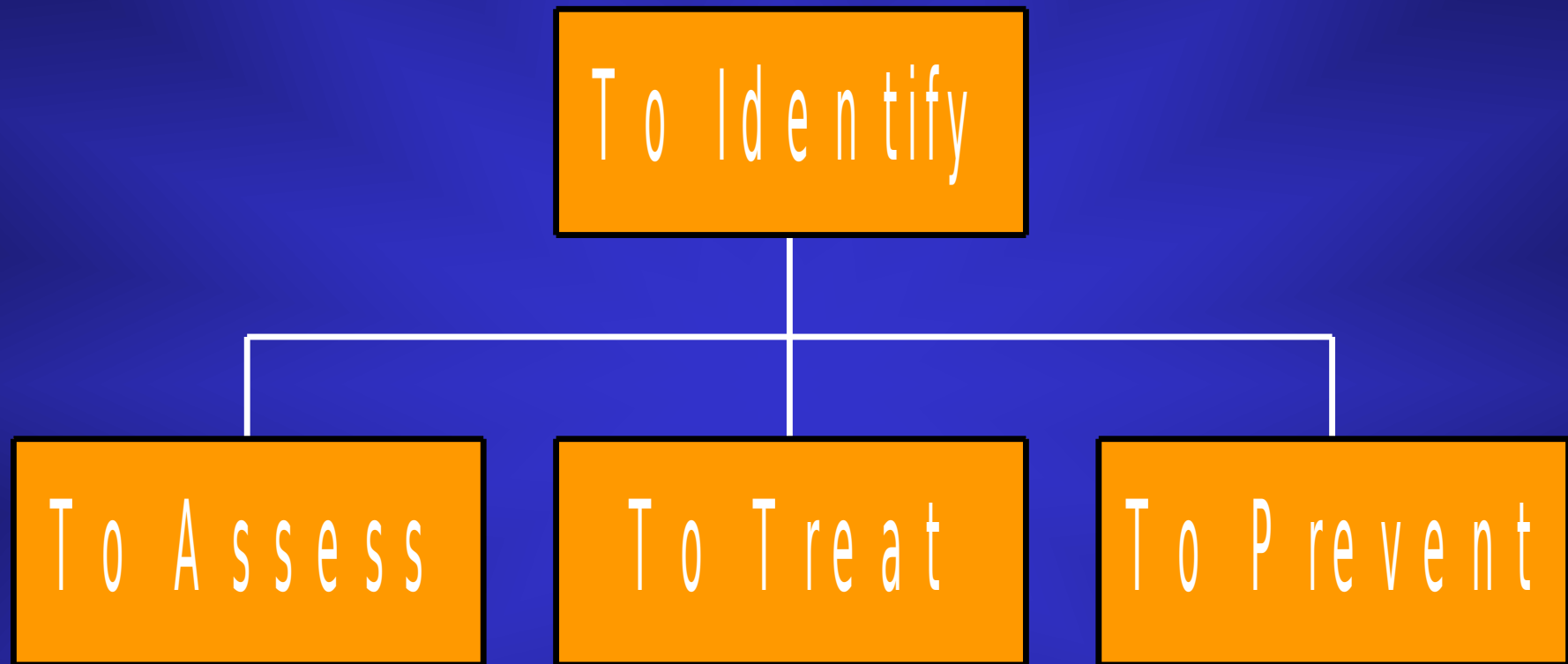
- Violent family history
- Solve problems with the use of violence
- Abuses alcohol or drugs
- Strong traditional ideas about the man's role in a relationship
- Extremely jealous
- Has access to weapons
- Rules the home by orders
- The person is feared by other family members

Why do they stay?

Some of the many reasons why victims remain in violent situations include:

- The fear of losing their children
- The fear of changing their living standards for themselves and their children
- Lack of job skills
- For religious or cultural beliefs
- For Love

Family Advocacy's Role



Family Advocacy Programs

- Maltreatment Program
- Exceptional Family Member Program
- Outreach Program
- New Parent Support Program

Your Role



- Break the silence...
Report all cases
- Get involved when
others need help
- Know your
community resources
- Remember that
Domestic Violence is
a crime!

Where Do I Report?

- Family Advocacy
 - 257-6429 or 4608
 - 07:30-16:30, Mon-Fri
 - Capt. Shandra Maples-Eakes
 - Emergency Room After Duty Hours
- Security Forces
 - 257-6516
- Emergency Room
 - 257-2968
 - After Duty Hours



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